DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

November 10, 2003	REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL				
ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-81-03	 [] State Law Change [] Federal Law or Regulation Change [] Court Order or Settlement				
TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL COUNTY CAPI PROGRAM MANAGERS	One or More Counties [X] Initiated by CDSS				

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2004 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS THAT AFFECT THE CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

REFERENCE: ACIN I-92-02, ACIN I-31-03 and ERRATA to ACIN I-31-03

This All-County Information Notice (ACIN) provides the new Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Payment Standards, effective January 1, 2004. The attached CAPI Payment Standards chart details the payment standards that will be effective on January 1, 2004.

As required by Section 18941 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), the CAPI payment standards are based on the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) standards, minus \$10.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple. Under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 1752 (Chapter 225, Statutes of 2003), there is no State SSP Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) effective on January 1, 2004. Although there will be no increase in the State-funded SSP amount in January, WIC Section 12201.05 does require that the SSI/SSP payment standards be increased by the amount of the federal SSI COLA on January 1, 2004. The increased CAPI Payment Standards, which will become effective on January 1, 2004, are a result of the federal COLA for SSI, and are reflected in the attached chart.

The separate federal SSI COLA also affects the following values for the entire calendar year and can impact CAPI eligibility and benefit amounts:

PRESUMED MAXIMUM VALUE (PMV) OF IN-KIND SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

To compute this value, take 1/3 of the federal SSI amount and add \$20.00. This
changes the PMV from \$204.00 to \$208.00 for an individual and from \$296.33 to
\$302.00 for a couple.

ALLOWANCE FOR INELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN DEEMING SITUATIONS

- To compute this allowance, determine the difference between the federal SSI benefit amount for a couple and the federal SSI benefit amount for an individual. This computation changes the allowance from \$277.00 to \$282.00.
- This allowance is entered, when appropriate, on the Income Eligibility Worksheet (SOC 452), line B.2.a, when determining a CAPI benefit amount for a case involving deemed income from an ineligible spouse.

SPONSOR'S ALLOCATION IN ALIEN DEEMING SITUATIONS

- This allocation equals the federal SSI rate for an individual. The federal SSI COLA changes the allocation from \$552.00 to \$564.00.
- This allowance is entered, when appropriate, on the Sponsor to Alien Deeming Worksheet (SOC 454), line 2, when determining a CAPI benefit amount for a case involving deemed income from a sponsor.

Any questions regarding these adjustments should be directed to your Operations and Technical Assistance Analyst at (916) 229-4000.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
Donna L. Mandelstam on 11/10/03
DONNA L. MANDELSTAM
Deputy Director
Disability and Adult Programs Division

Attachment

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

CAPI PAYMENT STANDARDS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004 BASED ON JANUARY 2004 SSI/SSP STANDARDS

	INDEPENDENT LIVING			REDUCED NEEDS		NON-MEDICAL OUT-OF-HOME CARE						
	1				(NMOHC)							
	RESIDING IN OWN HOUSEHOLD		HOUSEHOLD OF ANOTHER WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD		HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE WITH IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD		IN LICENSED FACILITY OR HOUSEHOLD OF RELATIVE					
	<u> </u>					AND CERTIFIED NMOHC		WITHOUT IN-KIND ROOM & BOARD				
	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP	TOTAL CAPI		TOTAL SSI/SSP
	CAPI		331/33P	CAPI		33I/33P	CAPI		331/33P	CAPI		55I/55P
INDIVIDUAL:												
AGED OR DISABLED	780.00		790.00	593.00		603.00	762.00		772.00	954.00		964.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA) 1/	862.00		872.00	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A
BLIND	844.00		854.00	672.00		682.00	762.00		772.00	954.00		964.00
DISABLED MINOR												
- living with parent(s)	669.00		679.00	471.00		481.00						
- living with non-parent relative	669.00		679.00	471.00		481.00	762.00		772.00	954.00		964.00
or non-relative guardian	İ											
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COUPLE:	BOTH CAPI	, ,	BOTH	BOTH CAPI		i	BOTH CAPI			BOTH CAPI		BOTH
AGED OR DISABLED	<u> </u>	ONE SSI	SSI/SSP		ONE SSI	SSI/SSP	<u> </u>	ONE SSI	SSI/SSP		ONE SSI	SSI/SSP
- per couple	1,379.00	1.389.00	1.399.00	1,123.33	1,133.33	1.143.33	1,561.33	1.571.33	1,581.33	1,908.00	1.918.00	1.928.00
- without cooking facilities (RMA) 1/	1,543.00	1,553.00	1,563.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
without oboking facilities (killing 17	1,040.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	177	14/71	14/71	1	10/71	14//1	10//	10//1	14/71
BLIND	}											
- per couple	1,599.00	1,609.00	1,619.00	1,344.33	1,354.33	1,364.33	1,561.33	1,571.33	1,581.33	1,908.00	1,918.00	1,928.00
BLIND/AGED OR	į						į			į į		
DISABLED												
- per couple	1,517.00	1,527.00	1,537.00	1,260.33	1,270.33	1,280.33	1,561.33	1,571.33	1,581.33	1,908.00	1,918.00	1,928.00
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TITLE XIX MEDICAL FACILITY						
		Individual	Couple			
Total CAPI		\$39	\$78			
SSI/SSP		49	98			

1/ RMA - Restaurant Meals Allowance - \$82 Individual; \$164 Couple